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Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

April 14, 2016

1. Those present were Wendell Koontz, Tom Wills, Lindee Cantrell, Dustyn Foster, Jim Roberts and Larry Jakubiak. Also present were the Student Government from Hotchkiss High School (HHS).
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with HHS students Sophia Schelle and Gratia Fisher reading quotes from Theodore Roosevelt.
3. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Introduction and Welcome of HHS Students and Faculty
The HHS Student government seated with the Trustees were: Sophia Schelle, STUCO President; Gratia Fisher, Senior Class President; Rogen Frick, Junior Class Secretary; Jordan Tamayo, Sophomore Class Vice President and Bruce Turnbull, Freshman Class President. School Board member Tammy Smith was also present as well as H.H.S. Faculty members Principal Rodriguez and Mr. Cavanaugh. Hotchkiss K-8 Principal Carrie Yantzer was also present.
5. Minutes for March 10, 2016
Tom Wills noted that in #6 the last sentence should state that Tom Wills moved to donate \$150 to the HHS Grad Night Party not \$1500.
Jim Roberts moved to approve the minutes with the changes made. Larry Jakubiak seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
6. Second Reading and Possible Adoption of Ordinance 2016-3
This item was tabled to be addressed in May with the new Trustees.
7. Consideration of Bills
Larry Jakubiak moved to pay the bills as presented. Jim Roberts seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Farewell to Dustyn Foster

NEW BUSINESS

8. April 5, 2016 Election Results
Deputy Town Clerk Ginger Redden read the results of the Election.
Town Clerk Marlene Searle swore in the newly elected Trustees; Jim Roberts, John Marta and Larry Jakubiak (4 year term). New Trustee Mary Hockenbery was not present and will be sworn in (2 year term) at the May 12 meeting.
Attorney Bo Nerlin said that he will be contacting CIRSA to see when would be a good time for them to partner with him to do a Trustee training. The date for the training will be set at the May 12 meeting.
9. Appointment of Town Clerk, Attorney, Judge and Mayor Pro-Tem
Tom Wills moved to reappoint Marlene Searle as the Hotchkiss Town Clerk. Jim Roberts seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
Jim Roberts moved to reappoint Bo Nerlin as the Hotchkiss Town Attorney. Larry Jakubiak seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
Larry Jakubiak moved to reappoint Lynn French as the Town of Hotchkiss Judge. Jim Roberts seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
Mayor Wendell Koontz appointed Larry Jakubiak as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the Town of Hotchkiss.
10. HHS Good News
Senior Class President, Gratia Fisher delivered the HHS Good News. Track members have set some new personal records and several have qualified for State. The Baseball Team is

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10. (cont.) undefeated. The Drama Club will be presenting a Play tonight and tomorrow night starting at 7:00 p.m. Seniors only have three weeks left of school and State testing will be next week. Prom is April 30 and the mock car crash will be Wednesday, April 27. The Town clean up day is April 21. The art class is putting on several shows and the FFA fish fry was last Sunday.
11. 2016 Town of Hotchkiss and Community Scholarship Presentation
Mayor Koontz said that this is the third year that the Town has given a Scholarship to one boy and one girl that have shown Community spirit and done Community volunteering. This year the Scholarship is presented to Andrew Oviedo and Christie May Anderson. Each recipient will receive \$500 to use at their chosen college. Andrew Oviedo was not present at the Town Meeting. Mayor Koontz presented Christie Mae Anderson with her scholarship and will present Andrew's at a later date.
12. Request for Street Closure-1st State Bank of Colorado Community Lunch
Don Chance, the new market president for the bank told the Board that he was not sure how many years the bank has done the lunch but he would like to request the street closure on May 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Don also invited everyone to attend the lunch.
Tom Wills moved to approve the street closure for the 1st State Bank of Colorado from Bridge Street to Main Street for the 1st State Bank Annual Community Lunch. Lindee Cantrell seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

First Baptist Church
Don VanDerLaan represented the First Baptist Church in asking for a street closure on Oak Street from the alley behind the Hotchkiss Short Stop to Main Street by the Church for a lunch that the church will be having. They would like the closure to be on April 16th from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If the weather is bad they will have their lunch inside the church. He also noted that the alley will stay open and will not be part of the closure.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the street closure for the First Baptist Church on Oak Street from the alley behind Hotchkiss Short Stop to Main Street on April 16 from the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Jim Roberts seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
13. Restoration of the 'H' Update
Carl Clay represented the 'H' restoration committee and gave a brief overview of how they wanted to go forward with the restoration of the 'H' out by the high school. The committee will also be putting a gate up to help mitigate responsibility per an agreement with the Carpenters who own the property that the 'H' is on. The 'H' has been on the hill since 1951. The whole project will cost \$7500. Mayor Koontz asked the committee to get the appropriate paperwork from Town Clerk Marlene Searle so that they could request a donation.
14. Overland Irrigation Lease Agreement Renewal
Town Clerk Marlene Searle explained this lease to the Board. Kuntz Ranch has held the lease for several years and it is renewed every two years. The lease also states that the water belongs to the Town and if it is needed at any time it can be switched over to become potable water.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the two year lease agreement renewal for the Overland Ditch Irrigation Lease with Kuntz Ranch. Tom Wills seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
15. Fire Mountain Irrigation Lease Discussion
Town Clerk Marlene Searle explained this lease to the Board. The Baker Family have held this lease for several years. Two years ago, Marlin McCracken expressed interest in the shares of Fire Mountain that the Town owns. The lease was put out to bid with Marlin McCracken getting 300 shares and the Baker family receiving 548 shares. This year when the lease came up for renewal Marlin McCracken said that he was no longer interested in having any Fire Mountain Shares. Steve Baker represented the Baker family and said that will take all 848 shares again.
Tom Wills moved to give Baker Ranch LLC all 848 of the Town owned Fire Mountain water. Larry Jakubiak seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
The Board may consider putting the shares out to bid at the end of this two year lease.

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16. North Fork Valley Creative Coalition Update
Dave Mitchell updated the Board on the happenings with the North Fork Valley Creative Coalition. Celebrate the Fork will be happening again on August 27th at Heritage Hall. They will just be serving dinner this year as well as having a silent auction but they will not be holding a dance. Local vendors and food will be emphasized and tickets will be \$50.00 a piece. The Creative Coalition would like to ask the Town for a letter of support again this year and would appreciate having it by May 5th. The Board agreed to having Mayor Koontz work with the Town Clerk in coming up with a letter of support again this year.
17. Town Engineer Report/Sanitation Line Upgrade Update
Engineer Joanne Fagan said that William's Construction is making really good progress since the ground is no longer frozen. William's is also working on restoring the roads and alleys and is replacing some concrete. They will be videoing the lines next week to check the pipes and make sure that everything is working as it should be. William's Construction has two blocks of pipe left to lay and some taps and a manhole to repair. The project should be completed by the end of May.
18. BLM Resource Management Plan Update
There is a Webinar on the Planning 2.0 initiative. The report may be out in June. It is a year and a half overdue.
19. Downtown Improvements Discussion
Tom Wills said that Mary Hockenbery is in charge of the flowers and she has planted annuals and the perennials are starting to come up.
20. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
No meeting was held. It will be on Tuesday.
21. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
Tom Wills stated that the Planning Commission is still working on revising the Mobile Home Regulations as well as discussing public park policies. He also asked the Board to start thinking about questions to put on a survey for the Master Plan. The Master Plan is set to be revised in 2017 as it needs to be revised every five years.
22. Leroux Creek Planning Update
No meeting was held.
23. Five Minute Public Appearance
Lynda Cannon spoke about the new festival that will be held this year and said that it will be great. It is called the Farm to Fiddle Festival and will be in August during Fair Week. Lynda also said that she would like to buy the parking lot on the corner of Bridge and Second Streets in front of the museum and turn it into a park. She is working with the First State Bank of Colorado and she has talked to Outdoors Alive about partnering with her also. Lynda would like to apply for GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado) funds to help finance the project. Lynda feels that a park will enhance the Town. It is in the preliminary stages right now but she will be asking for help. Lynda left a drawing of approximately how she would like the park to look once it is finished.
Principal Carrie Yantzer said that the Hotchkiss K-8 Spring Fling will be held on April 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is the annual fundraiser for the school and is a community event. There is an auction, carnival style games, dinner served and lots of fun to be had.
24. Department Reports
Public Works director Mike Owens said that the Water Plant is ready for the Spring runoff and he has ordered a new pickup for the Public Works Department that should be here in July. Mike did not have an update on the lights that DMEA will be changing out around Town. Marshal Dan Miller said that the Police Department will be offering a Civilian Police Academy this summer to interested residents. Deputy Shaklee is in charge of the class and there will be

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24. (continued)several classes covering many different areas of law enforcement. A limited number of citizens will be accepted into the class and it will start in June.

25. Hotchkiss Chamber Update
Carrie Yantzer said that the Chamber has been busy updating the lodging list and the website. They have also chosen Clayton Oxford for the \$8,000 Colorado Grand Scholarship. The Chamber will be having an e-waste recycling day on Saturday April 30th at the Fair Grounds from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There are 85 Chamber members currently and they would like to expand that number.

26. Mayor's Report
Mayor Koontz said that the Town roadside cleanup will be held on April 21st with the Trustees and the schools. The Trustees will meet at 8:45 at the Hotchkiss K-8 and the cleanup will last until 11:45. Pizza will be provided and everyone is encouraged to bring an orange hunting vest and gloves. The Marshal will provide a car if possible.
Newly elected Trustee Mary Hockenbery will be sworn in at the May meeting and the Sheep Dog Trials will be held Mother's Day weekend. Mayor Koontz encouraged everyone to join in the 5k Fun Run on Saturday, May 7th.

27. Town Clerk Report
Town Clerk Marlene Searle updated the Trustees on the building inspector situation. Our current building inspector, Sam Carr, will be staying on through June or July. There are three people interested in the building inspector job when Sam leaves. Marlene also said that the current adopted State building code is for 2014 while the Town is still using the 2006 adopted building code. Attorney Nerlin and Marlene will work on updating to the 2014 code.

28. Upcoming Events/Schedule
The Fairgrounds Utilization Committee has authorized a Disc Golf Course. They will be putting things in place for the course and it should be ready to go by July 1st.
The mock car crash at will be held April 27th at the High School and will include Paonia. Graduation is May 15th. School Board member Tammy Smith reminded everyone of the Grad Night Party the night of Graduation.

29. New Business
Attorney Nerlin said that Kim Shay, the owner of Gambles, is requesting a meeting to discuss the alley behind her business. The meeting will be held with the Public Works Director Mike Owens and Town Engineer Joanne Fagan. Mayor Koontz asked to be informed of when the meeting is so that he can attend.

30. Adjournment
Lindee Cantrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Larry Jakubiak seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger R. Redden, Deputy Town Clerk